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HOW PAPER IS MADE

William R. Stewart in his article on "Paper and Its Manufacture" in the October issue of the Technical World magazine describes the process briefly as follows:

"In its broad outline the process of papermaking may be described as collecting the raw material (pulp,) whether made from wood, rags or other substances, diluting with water, forming a sheet on a porous surface, so that the water may drain off, and drying the sheet of paper thus formed. Different materials are used for the pulp to make the different grades of paper, wood pulp being now used in the manufacture of nearly all the fine papers, rags for writing and other fine paper, straw and manila in making wrapping papers, etc. But a large amount of paper is given its distinctive character after it leaves the paper mill by surface coatings with various substances."

Power Without Wit

"Do you believe that knowledge is power?" said Mr. Wiggs. "I used to think so," answered Mr. Waggs, "but I have observed that some of our most powerful financiers are distinguished by what they don't know on the witness stand."—Washington Star.

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The Kansas City Daily Post is a new democratic afternoon newspaper recently established. It has a full leased wire telegraph service.

John F. Wallace, formerly chief engineer of the Panama canal, testified before the senate committee on canals and criticised at length the methods in vogue. He told also of the activity of Wm. Cromwell in canal affairs, and said that Mr. Cromwell appeared to have an extraordinary amount of influence.

A statement published generally in the newspapers estimates the number of automobiles in use in this country at 100,000.

President Roosevelt made public a letter sent by him to the chairman of the house and senate committees on naval affairs calling attention to the unsatisfactory features in the present law regarding hazing, which provides for no degree of punishment less than dismissal. While the president disapproves of hazing, he says that dismissal is too severe a punishment.

District Attorney Jerome of New York announces that he will prosecute criminally life insurance officials who have violated the laws. He has submitted to the grand jury the case of the Mutual Reserve Life Assurance company.

W. H. Harriman and associates of the Union Pacific have secured control of the Illinois Central railroad.

Secretary Bonaparte has recommended to the president the pardon of Midshipman Minor Merriwether, Jr., who was convicted of hazing and sentenced to dismissal.

Former Engineer Wallace of the Panama canal expressed the opinion that the canal should be built by contract.

Secretary Bonaparte has recommended from the Sultan of Turkey an apology for the incarceration of Miss Anna Snyder of Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Miss Elsie Stearn of Buffalo, N. Y. On their arrival at Constantinople they were thrown into prison.

A resolution has been introduced in the Pennsylvania legislature instructing the attorney general of the state to proceed against the railroads violating the constitution which forbid common carriers doing any other business. These railroads are to be charged with violating the constitution by owning and controlling coal mines.

Governor Pattison of Ohio has approved the 2 cent fare bill and within thirty days the law requiring that 2 cents should be the maximum rate charged by the railroads in Ohio will go into effect.

The Nebraska supreme court has rendered an opinion sustaining the anti-trust laws of the state.

Harvard college has suspended football for a period of one year.

Baron Sidney Solanino, premier of Italy, has chosen a new cabinet.

Mayor Dunne of Chicago has refused to approve the ordinance requiring gas companies to furnish gas to consumers at 85 cents for 1,000 feet. The present price is \$1 per

thousand. Mayor Dunne favors the 75 cent rate.

A special committee appointed by the trustees of the New York Life Insurance company to investigate that company's affairs have made a partial report. They recommend that John A. McCall and Andrew Hamilton be required to make an accounting for vast sums of money.

A heated discussion between Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, and Senator Dolliver of Iowa took place before the senate committee having the Hepburn rate bill under discussion. Aldrich was charged by Dolliver with levity. The Iowa senator said that the Rhode Island senator is simply trifling with the public and his colleagues. Aldrich replied that he had been serious in everything, and that he would not be called to account by Dolliver. Dolliver retorted that he would choose his own way in which to criticise the methods of the opponents of the measure.

Nearly every business house in New Martinsville, W. Va., was destroyed by fire February 9. Several hundred people were rendered homeless by the conflagration.

The house committee has discovered that it costs \$80,000 per year for the care and maintenance of the library building at the national capital. This is \$20,000 more than it costs for similar service in the capitol building, which is a much larger structure. The superintendent of the library buildings and grounds receives \$7,000 per year for work which some congressmen say can be just as well done at a \$2,000 salary.

Governor Magoon of the Panama Zone appeared before the senate committee and testified with respect to affairs on the isthmus. According to Governor Magoon everything is running smoothly.

Representative Sulzer of New York has introduced a resolution calling for an explanation from the treasury department of the sale of the New York custom house property to the National City bank. Mr. Sulzer said that the property was worth much more than the price at which it was sold. He said that the National City bank had not yet actually paid the

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